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Authority Board Elects Officers, Recognizes New Members

During its regularly scheduled September meeting, the Board of Directors for the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority (Authority) elected its new officers for 1996-97.

On September 20, the Board of Directors unanimously elected as president, vice president and secretary, Roberta Bustin, Ph.D., P. Michael Murphy and Charles Hathaway, Ph.D., respectively.

Dr. Bustin is a professor of chemistry at Lyon College in Batesville. Mr. Murphy is president and CEO of Fidelity Bank in West Memphis, AR. Dr. Hathaway is chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

The Authority Board has been chaired for the last year by Phillip L. Rayford, Ph.D., of the Department of Physiology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Board officers serve one year; Board members are appointed to staggered four-year terms.

The Authority also recognized new Board members during the meeting, including:

- Mel Coleman, manager of Member Services for North Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. in Salem, AR;
- Donna Young of Merchant's Investment Center in Fort Smith, AR; and
- Stephen Nipper, Executive Vice President of Operations for First National Bank in Magnolia, AR.

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science and technology to the people and state of Arkansas through scientific research, technology development, business innovation, and education.

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